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## **Drug Dealing Gang Member Sentenced to Forty Years**

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Name: Rocky Anthony Gamez  
Age: 45  
Court: 435<sup>th</sup> District Court, Judge Patty Maginnis presiding  
Charge(s): 1) Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver  
2) Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by Felon  
Plea: Not Guilty  
Verdict: By jury on 03/21/24: Guilty  
Sentence: By judge on 04/01/24: 40 years TDCJ for both charges (concurrent)

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On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office prosecutors Megan Martin and Brittany Hansford selected a jury in the 435<sup>th</sup> District Court in The State of Texas vs. Rocky Anthony Gamez for the offenses of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by Felon. ADA Martin presented evidence that on November 12<sup>th</sup> of 2022, Specialist Rodgers of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office arrested Gamez for a misdemeanor offense. While conducting an inventory in preparation for towing Gamez's vehicle, Specialist Rodgers found a firearm and a large quantity of illegal drugs including methamphetamine. Rodgers discovered evidence that the defendant intended to sell drugs, including fentanyl.

The jury quickly returned a verdict of guilty against Gamez. During punishment proceedings, prosecutors presented evidence that Gamez has twice been to prison for felony charges, including Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Manufacturing/Delivering of a Controlled Substance. The judge heard from more than seven witnesses who talked about the Defendant's criminal history, his pending domestic violence charges against his wife for which he was on bond at the time of his arrest, and an incident involving possession of narcotics in the Montgomery County Jail while the Defendant was incarcerated awaiting trial. Prosecutors also presented evidence that the defendant is a confirmed gang member of Mexican Mafia, a notorious Texas prison gang. The judge assessed a 40-year sentence on each charge to run concurrently.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, and Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab Division assisted in providing evidence and support necessary to bring safety to the people of Montgomery County.



**Assistant District Attorney Megan Martin:** "Rocky Gamez has shown a persistent pattern of violence and illicit drug dealing. He had absolutely no regard for the law or his fellow citizens. Fortunately, the work of a professional and skilled deputy with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office brought his dangerous business to an end."

**District Attorney Brett Ligon:** "Mr. Gamez openly boasted about his affiliations with a dangerous and violent gang and made active efforts to sell drugs, including fentanyl, to members of our community. His history has made it clear that he will continue this behavior unless he is incarcerated, so prison it will be. We are grateful for all of those individuals who helped us accomplish this end."

